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By Kathleen L. Bookley
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated July 10, 2002 and the Final Office Action dated April 17, 2002, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

In the Claims

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Please amend claims 1, 3, 12 and 15 as follows:

1. (Once Amended) A valve for a tubular peel-away sheath having a lumen therethrough comprising:

a valve body having a lumen therethrough;

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